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Sanlam Cape Town Marathon - 23-May-2027

The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon has officially earned its place as the eighth Abbott World Marathon Major, making it one of the most exciting races on the global marathon calendar. As the Official Tour Operator in India, UAE, and East Africa, Active Holiday Company is proud to help runners experience this historic milestone in one of the world's most breathtaking destinations. Set against the backdrop of Table Mountain, pristine coastlines, and vibrant city streets, Cape Town offers an unforgettable marathon experience that combines world-class racing with spectacular scenery. Our carefully-curated packages feature handpicked hotels offering the perfect balance of comfort, convenience, and value for every budget.

Your journey with us goes far beyond guaranteed race entry. Enjoy a guided city tour, a memorable welcome dinner at one of Cape Town's oldest and most iconic vineyards, and lively post-race celebrations with fellow runners. From the moment you arrive until it's time to head home, our experienced team will be there every step of the way, ensuring a seamless, stress-free experience so you can focus on enjoying every moment—both on and off the course.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Cape Town (Thursday)

Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to your hotel via Uber or Bolt. Your e-visa is included as part of your package. After check-in, take the day to relax and adjust to the local time before race weekend. If time allows, head to the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon Expo to collect your race bib and soak up the pre-race excitement.

Meal: None

Day 2: Cape Town Tour, Welcome Lunch, and Concert

After breakfast, discover the best of Cape Town on a guided city tour, taking in its vibrant streets, historic sites, and cultural highlights. We'll also make a stop at the Sanlam Cape Town Marathon Expo before returning to the hotel. Later, enjoy a welcome lunch at one of South Africa's oldest and most celebrated vineyards. Round off the day at the official Sanlam Cape Town Marathon Concert—complimentary for runners, with companion tickets available for purchase.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Shakeout Run/Peace Runs

If you've signed up for the optional 5K or 10K event as part of the Cape Town Marathon weekend, you'll head

out early to the stadium to take on your race. Alternatively, you can ease into the day with a relaxed 5K shake-out run alongside fellow runners. The rest of the day is yours to unwind, explore Cape Town at your own pace, or simply rest ahead of race day.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 4: Marathon Day and Party Time

Race day is finally here! Feel the electric atmosphere as you take on one of the most exciting and fast-rising marathons on the global stage. As you make your way through Cape Town, you'll experience a course framed by stunning scenery, rich heritage, and unforgettable city views—while moving one step closer to completing your World Marathon Majors journey and earning your next star. After crossing the finish line, celebrate your achievement with fellow runners at a lively local pub, where the post-race atmosphere brings everyone together in true marathon spirit.

Meal: Breakfast, After-party Dinner

Day 5: Departure

If you're departing today, please ensure check-out is completed by 11:00 AM. For guests choosing to extend their stay, you're invited to join our optional Cape Point excursion—an unforgettable journey to the very southern tip of Africa. Alternatively, you can continue the adventure with our Garden Route extension, renowned worldwide for its breathtaking coastal scenery and dramatic landscapes.

Meal: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- Guaranteed marathon entry to 2027 Sanlam Cape Town Marathon
- 14-week training plan by international coaches
- 04 Nights stay at superbly-located hotels within walking distance to the start and finish
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel
- Networking Lunch at South Africa's oldest vineyard with transfers (wine tasting is optional)
- Guided Cape Town City Tour by bus
- After-marathon party with unlimited beverages
- Ticket to Sanlam Cape Town's Official Welcome Concert
- Optional Peace Run 5K & 10K entries (subject to availability)
- Active Holiday Company T-shirt
- On-Ground support in Cape Town

EXCLUSIONS

- The cost of flights, visas, passport, insurance is not included in the tour price unless stated otherwise
- Any meals not mentioned as included are at your own expense
- Single rooms, optional tours, and extra nights cost extra
- Arrival and departure transfers are not be included in your tour price
- Excess baggage, portorage, laundry, phone calls, and alcoholic beverages are considered personal

expenses and not included in your tour price

- GST, VAT, and other taxes as applicable in India are additional to the tour price

Booking Conditions

DEPOSIT

- To confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of INR 65,000 per person (for race participants) and INR 30,000 per person (for companions) is required.
- Bookings without payment within 72 hours are auto-cancelled.

FINAL PAYMENT

- Full payment is due on or before 31 Jan 2027.
- Please ensure you set a reminder on your calendar since we do not follow up for payments individually.
- Bookings without final payments are auto-cancelled.
- Race registrations are sent only after we have received your final payment.

CANCELLATION POLICY

RUNNER WITH RACE ENTRY

Cancel on or before 31 Jan 2027: Non-refundable deposit

Cancel on or after 01 Feb 2027: 100% cancellation fee

STAY ONLY - COMPANION / NON-RUNNER / RUNNER WITH OWN RACE ENTRY

Cancel on or before 31 Dec 2026: No cancellation fee

Cancel between 01 Jan 2027 and 28 Feb 2027: 50% cancellation fee

Cancel on or after 01 Mar 2027: 100% cancellation fee

TRANSFER & DEFERRAL

- For race entry packages, your non-refundable deposit is valid only for the specific event and year of your booking
- Your non-refundable deposit cannot be transferred to another event or another year, even if Active Holiday Company is the official travel partner. The only exception is if the event organiser permits a deferral or a transfer of your race entry (with or without a fee)
- Bookings without race entry can be transferred as per policy applicable to the booking

OTHER CONDITIONS

- All costs exclude GST 5% and 2% TCS (for bookings made in India).
- All digital payments, including UPI, attract a 3% Platform Fee. Partial payments will be charged the fee to the extent that is paid via the digital platform. To avoid the 3% please arrange a direct bank transfer.
- Our prices are per person. Even if you have booked a single room for your exclusive use it is mandatory to pay for all your travel companions.
- The use of any service, including hotel services, by anyone who is not a paid participant is strictly prohibited.
- Active Holiday Company reserves the right to amend prices if the currency fluctuates more than 5%.

- Use and promotion of competitor brands, products and logos - specifically of any company involved in selling marathon trips is strictly prohibited on all Active Holiday Company trips. This can result in your removal from our trip without any refund and refusal on future trips.

Travel Tips

Ride the cableway up Table Mountain

If the weather is clear, don't miss the chance to take in one of the world's most spectacular city views. Go early in the morning or late afternoon to avoid the biggest queues.

Visit the penguins at Boulders Beach

Just outside the city, this sheltered beach is home to a colony of adorable African penguins. It's one of the few places in the world where you can see them up close in their natural habitat.

Sample South Africa's wines in the Cape Winelands

Stellenbosch and Franschhoek are less than an hour from Cape Town and offer world-class wineries, stunning scenery, and exceptional food.

Watch the sunset from Camps Bay

Grab a drink, find a spot by the beach, and watch the sun disappear into the Atlantic. It's one of Cape Town's favourite evening rituals.

Try a traditional South African braai

More than just a barbecue, a braai is a way of life. If you get the chance, tuck into local favourites like boerewors, sosaties, or a perfectly grilled steak.

Event Details

Speciality

- Africa's first Abbott World Marathon Major
- Newest addition to the Abbott World Marathon Majors
- Spectacular route framed by Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean
- World-class organisation with incredible local hospitality
- Vibrant race-day atmosphere and enthusiastic crowd support

Events (Distances & Date)

42.2 km | 23 May 2027

Start Time

9:10 am

Cut-off time

6 hours 30 minutes

Race Start

Green Point, beside DHL Stadium

Race Finish

Green Point, beside DHL Stadium

Course

[Official Course Map](#)

Weather

Cool autumn race conditions, with temperatures typically ranging from 10 – 18°C. Mornings can be crisp, with occasional coastal breezes or light showers, so pack layers for the start and a lightweight waterproof jacket just in case.

Expo Location

[DHL Stadium in Green Point](#)

Expo Dates and Timings

20th May '27 (Thu): 09:00 AM – 07:00 PM*

21st May '27 (Fri): 09:00 AM – 06:00 PM*

22nd May '27 (Sat): 10:00 AM – 05:00 PM*

*Subject to change

Payment Terms

DEPOSIT

Runner: INR 65,000

Companion: INR 30,000

Please read the conditions to know the non-refundable part of your payment.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATE

On or before 31 Jan 2027

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